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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dickory RUDDUCK

Application No.: 09/646,741

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: September 18, 2000

Examiner: K. L. Thompson

For: FIXING AND RELEASE SYSTEMS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent Office are the following:

1. Notice of Appeal; and
2. Postcard evidencing the same.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$590.00 for the payment of the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal (\$165.00) and fee for 3-month extension of time (\$425.00) to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Official Action dated October 27, 2003 objecting to claims 12 and 13 and rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 14-21, 40, and 45-53.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. [X] The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is attached.

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[] verified statement attached
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2. [X] Applicant petitions for a 3-month extension of time to reply to the rejection. An amount of \$55.00 was previously paid when Amendment filed on July 30, 2003. The appropriate fee is attached.

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3. [] A Response to the final rejection was timely filed on July 30, 2003 with the appropriate fee but not entered. A Response to the Advisory Action is being filed herewith.
4. [] A check in the amount of \$.00 is attached.
5. [] Please charge the applicable fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. A duplicate copy of this Notice is attached.
6. [X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d), associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. A duplicate copy of this Notice is attached.

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